

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Raymond DUBOIS et al.)
Application No.: 09/331,959)
Filed: September 28, 1999)
For: USE OF MIXTURES WITH BASE)
OF PT AND OF TRANSITION)
METAL COMPOUNDS OTHER)
THAN PT FOR IMPROVING THE)
RESISTANCE TO ARC TRACKING)
AND TO ARC EROSION OF)
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Examiner: M. G. Moore

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REPLY BRIEF

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I. Introduction:

This Reply Brief, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193(b), is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed June 4, 2002.

II. Grouping of Claims

The Examiner disagrees with Appellants' grouping of claims. See Examiner's answer at page 2 (7). In response, Appellants wish to correct their claim grouping as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1, 9-10, 12, 15-16, 18 and 20; and
Group II: Claims 2-8, 11, 13-14, 17, 19 and 21.